

BURIED IN SLIDING SAND.

Willing Neighbors Pull a Man Out of a Sand Pit After Four Hours' Work.

While a gang of men from Sandwich were at work on Chamberlain & Son's cranberry bog one of them, James Dalton, shoveling in a sand pit, was thrown and buried to his shoulders by a landslide on a face of sand some thirty feet high. In spite of very exact and emphatic warnings the man was standing with his back to the bank and his barrow between him and the exit. The falling sand buried the barrow, and the man's right leg was bound fast over the left handle. The other bog hands ran to the rescue, but aside from uncovering the barrow and delivering the man's right leg, could not move him an inch. The danger was that more sand might slide and bury its victim alive, for there were already cracks in the sand visible and one or two huge boulders which might come down any moment. The boulders had just been disclosed by the sand slide.

It was soon apparent that without more and wiser help, the man would certainly perish by exhaustion or be smothered. The neighbors were raised. Among the new comers was Daniel Lee, of the beach who afterward said he had once seen a man buried in a well and by common consent, as the only man who dared to have a plan where an error might cost the trapped man his life and perhaps the lives of others, he was allowed to direct. First of all he called for a long plank. One was brought from the bog, and carefully placed some three or four feet above the man below, and between him and the sand face, and across the sand bank.

Then he ordered planks to be sawed some five feet long, and these to be placed upright inside the horizontal plank and facing in and toward the bank and a man to hold each plank steady and to stand to it if another slide came. He then ordered short oak and pine limbs to be cut and put in the sand above the upright line of planks, to catch and stop the sand which momentarily was sifting down. The whole structure was then braced at each end by joist and plank, and served as a rude sort of shield. Then, with the men holding the planks, the others tried to dig the man out. His left foot and lower trunk seemed held as in a vise. A shovelful of sand taken out seemed instantly replaced by the sand sifting down from the hill. Hands were then used instead of shovels and some stones under him removed. But it was slow, hideous work for the strongest nerved. And now came the crisis.

The rifted earth bank above with the pinetrees on it was moving—was sliding down. A shout among the men to hold fast—a second or two of the terrible drift of earth—a second shout—and the deadly mass stood still. The plank borne so far had saved. But the man in peril had now been some four hours in a situation, the peril of which he knew, not expecting, as he afterward told "the boys," but that he was to be saved home in a box, and though bearing up bravely, was very much exhausted. He must be released speedily or perish. Of all traps, sand under such conditions is the most relentless we ever come upon. Every attempt of strong men to pull the man out failed. A new plan was suggested by Mr. David Ellis. A strong rope from one of the bog lines was brought. A stray woman's hat, left by some cranberry picker on the bog, was found and, used to muffle the sharpness of the rope against the man's flesh in hauling, the rope was fastened tight under his shoulders and then, as God willed, with strong men assisting and others holding at the plank carrier, and the sand hill settling down every moment, the man was pulled out of his sand grave—not a bone broken, not a scratch! The place where the man lay four hours in deadly peril was the next day found covered with four feet of sand.—Cape Cod Independent.

An Ancient Hot Bath.

Remains of ancient hot air baths or sweat houses still exist on the island of Rathlin, on the northeast coast of County Antrim, Ireland. The Rev. D. B. Mulcahy describes one he visited on the farm of Widow McCurdy, in the townland of Knockans. Mrs. McCurdy said she had used it fifty years ago, and that it had been used by the islanders from time immemorial. A heap of ashes lay outside the doorway showing it had formerly been heated by a fire.

Mrs. McCurdy said further that previous to a bath a fire was kindled inside, and when it was sufficiently heated the ashes were swept out. The people came to be cured of rheumatism. There was a hole at the top to let out the smoke and admit light. A stool or a screw on the side was used to sit on or stand upon in a sitting posture.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Aurist's Prescription for Earache. I am afraid I have greatly interfered with my own practice," said a celebrated "first," by giving the following advice to many of his friends: At the first symptoms of earache let the patient lie on the side with the painful ear uppermost. Fold a thick towel and tuck it around the neck; then with a teaspoon fill the ear with warm water. Continue doing this for fifteen or twenty minutes; the water will fill the ear orifice and flow over on the towel. Afterward turn over the head, let the water run out and plug the ear with warm glycerin and cotton. This may be done every hour until relief is obtained. It is an almost invariable cure and has saved many cases of acute inflammation. The water should be quite warm, but not too hot.—London Tit-Bits.

What One Man Saw. Blake, a distinguished English painter, who was liable to disordered sensations, described a fairy funeral which he seemed to have witnessed. He was walking in his garden one night, when he apparently heard a low and pleasant sound, and at length saw a procession of creatures of the size and color of grasshoppers bearing a body laid out on a rose leaf, which they buried with songs and then disappeared.—Youth's Companion.

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